New e-LMIS in Burundi offers end-to-end visibility in real time for the first time

A new e-LMIS platform in Burundi has increased product availability by 10 percent, decreased the frequency of expired supplies by 85 percent, and attracted an additional $272K to encompass nutritional products. Spearheaded by Innovation Fund recipient, i+solutions, together with Burundi’s Ministry of Health, the new e-LMIS platform tracks nine contraceptives across 30 health facilities, six district pharmacies, and one central medical store. The new platform comes at an especially critical moment in time, as COVID-19 related constraints on product availability place a premium on maximizing supply chain efficiency. For more information, please contact Landry Medegan at
IN THE NEWS

Webinar profiles parameters for standardizing reusable pads
Reusable menstrual products can be cost saving, environmentally friendly, convenient, and well-suited to humanitarian settings, according to the latest webinar on menstrual product quality. Standardization parameters of reusable pads include key performance indicators such as absorbency, which consumers can use when selecting the pad most suited to their needs, explains Sophia Grinvalds from AFRIPads. A recording of the webinar, which is available on the RHSC website, also addresses other quality parameters such as durability, safety and drying time.

RHSC draws on Levers of Change to respond to COVID-19 impact
The RHSC’s response to COVID-19 is shaped by its commitment to getting women and girls in low- and middle-income countries the RH supplies they need and can use. Read how the Coalition has called on its unique attributes – its levers of change – to respond to the impact of COVID-19 on reproductive health supplies.

EC archive moves to RHSC’s Supply Information Database
Two decades’ worth of resources on emergency contraception recently migrated to the RHSC’s online document repository, the Supplies Information Database. The rich
collection of factsheets, briefs, policy documents, and clinical guidelines were produced by the International Consortium for Emergency Contraception (ICEC). Read more.

Report & webinar on integrating oxytocin into vaccine cold chain
From mid-2018 to early 2020, Innovation Fund grantee MSH undertook a scoping exercise in Kenya, Malawi, and Uganda to assess the acceptability and feasibility of integrating oxytocin into the vaccine cold chain. Included in the project was a pilot in Uganda; the project’s final report outlines the results in all three countries and a recent webinar shares the implementation of oxytocin integration into the vaccine cold chain in two districts in Uganda as well as related challenges and opportunities. For more information, contact Milka Dinev at mdinev@rhsupplies.org.

NEW MEMBERS

The Ethiopian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ESOG) was established in 1992 to address the country’s high rates of maternal and perinatal mortality and morbidity. ESOG’s aim is to enhance the contribution of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to improving SRH services in Ethiopia.

In Côte d'Ivoire, Le Réseau Ivoirien des Jeunes contre le Sida comprises 20 youth-focused member organizations and prioritizes reproductive health provisions for young people, specializing in the prevention of unwanted pregnancies and of STDs.

Egna Le Egna Youth Health and Development Organization works in HIV/AIDS-related services for young people in Ethiopia, with a strong focus on prevention.

Cadence Health, Inc, is a women's health product company on a mission to make women's oral contraceptives available over the counter.
Association Ivoirienne des Professionnels de Santé Publique is a civil society platform in Côte d'Ivoire that focuses on reproductive health and family planning.

IN THE CALENDAR

International Conference on Family Planning 2021  
New Date:  
8-11 November 2021  
Pattaya City, Thailand